

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Stephen K. Fisher, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology in the Medical School, and research professor in the Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute (MBNI), retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2012.

Professor Fisher received his B.Sc. degree from the University of Leeds in 1971, his M.Sc. degree from the University of London in 1972, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Birmingham in 1975. He joined the University of Michigan faculty in 1985 as an assistant professor of pharmacology and assistant research scientist in the MBNI. He was promoted to associate professor and associate research scientist in 1990, professor and research scientist in 1996, and was named senior research scientist in 1997 and research professor in 2003.

Professor Fisher is an international expert in the field of inositol lipids, which are crucial for brain function and are a site of action for therapeutic drugs such as lithium. His seminal work on delineating the regulation of inositol lipids, particularly those controlled by the muscarinic receptors, provided essential knowledge for researchers therapeutically targeting these important receptors. An exceptional writer and master of the English language, he was a long-serving contributor to the textbook *Basic Neurochemistry*, and will serve as a primary editor for the 9th edition. Professor Fisher was also an excellent teacher in the neuroscience and pharmacology programs, working with graduate and postdoctoral students, both in the classroom and at the bench. He was a rigorous instructor on the crucial art of seminar presentation, and served on 78 doctoral thesis committees. He received the University's Research Scientist Recognition Award in 1997.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scientist and educator by naming **Stephen K. Fisher professor emeritus of pharmacology and research professor emeritus**.

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